

But now with moisten'd eye I mark thy glowing tints
decay,
And sigh to think that aught I love so soon should
die away.

'Thou wert an early favourite in boyhood's happy
days,
I used to haunt the spot where thou thy modest head
did raise;
And watch with passionate delight thy small leaves
brightly bloom,
Which breathed in every passing breeze thy delicate
perfume.

"In manhood's ripening years, sweet flower, thou art
beloved still,
And fondly sought for as of yore, by rivulet and
rill,
And often in my wanderings, by mead and flowery
lea,
Array'd in glittering dew-drops bright thy well known
form I see.

"Oh beautiful exceedingly, is thy last lingering look,
Which seems to bid a sad farewell to valley, hill, and
brook;
And did not shades of doubt and fear upon my spirit
lie,
Like thee, lone flower, I'd tranquilly breathe out my
latest sigh."

There are five species of the Primulæ growing
wild in this kingdom.—The Bird's Eye Primrose,
(*P. farinosa*), growing in the north of Eng-
land; the Scottish Primrose (*P. Scotica*), a rare

species, together with the Oxlip, (*P. Elation*),
and common Cowslip, or Paigle (*P. veris*).
The latter we shall notice in the month in which
it blooms.

CINQUEFOIL.

Potentilla.

Class, Icosandria;—Order, Polygynia;—Nat. Ord.
Rosaceæ.

The strawberry leaved Cinquefoil (*Potentilla
Fragariastrum*) now displays its white blossoms
on our banks. It belongs to the same natural
family as the rose, plum, blackberry, apricot, &c.
many of which produce esculent fruits, while the
plants that produce them are often poisonous, from
the presence of prussic acid, with which some of
the species abound. This plant much resembles
the wood or wild strawberry, for which it is often
mistaken; indeed it was called by Linnæus *Fra-
garia sterilis*, or sterile strawberry, in consequence
of the fruit being a few seeds placed on a dry re-
ceptacle, whilst in the wild strawberry, they are
placed in a large pulpy one. The leaves are very
similar to the strawberry, but are silky on both
sides, and the petals are inversely heart-shap-
ed; in the strawberry they are egg-shaped. The
Silver Weed (*P. Anserina*), is another common